

## PEOPLE WISH TO SEE CITY CLEAN

Are Willing to Pay for Proper  
Attention to Streets  
and Alleys.

### TIME NOW TO BEGIN REFORM

Subject Has Been Sufficiently Agitated  
so That Public Co-operation  
is Insured.

If a change in the method of cleaning Rock Island's alleys and streets is to be made or rather, if they are to be kept clean, the city commission should not neglect to provide whatever funds are necessary in the appropriation ordinance which is expected to receive final action next Monday evening.

There is no doubt that the people as a whole desire to see a more efficient system of cleaning inaugurated. They do not begrudge expenditure of public funds for this purpose because everyone can see the results and all share alike in the benefits. The question has been pretty thoroughly agitated this spring through the work of the vigilance committee of the civic department of the Rock Island Women's club and the recently organized Rock Island Rotary club. If reform in this direction is to be undertaken at all no better time than right now can be found to make a beginning.

#### Suggestions Are Good.

The recommendations made by the special committee of Rotary club members which investigated the subject should be seriously considered. As was pointed out the filth and debris which is thrown into the alleys and streets in violation of law is responsible for the difficulty in keeping clean. The laws covering this matter, however, are not enforced, and the public is actually encouraged to violate them because the city has been undertaking to haul away, at least once a year, everything which the people dump in the alleys. It has come to be a habit with everyone to "throw it in the alley" when anything which can no longer be used or conveniently burned or destroyed by other means comes to hand. For this reason the public is not to be blamed and neither are the city officers, who are merely following custom.

But the public must be educated in a different manner, if any real reform is to be accomplished, and a beginning must be made somewhere in enforcing the law. The Rotary club committee suggested that examples be made of the wealthier offenders first, starting with the business or better residence districts. If the people generally see the regulations enforced in these localities they will be more disposed to cooperate in the movement. Once the people, or a majority of them, are led to actively aid the move for a clean city there will be little further trouble, for violation of the law will no longer be the general nor the popular thing.

#### Annual Cleaning Insufficient.

But before any systematic effort is made to secure general cooperation the health department must be prepared to do its share. Experience has shown that an annual cleaning is not sufficient. For a short time after the rounds have been made the alleys present a neat appearance, but it is only for a few weeks. For ten or eleven months in the year they are going from bad to worse. Other cities have tried continuous cleaning and have made a success of it. They find the cost is little if any greater than the once a year plan and the results are far more satisfactory.

Rock Island is entitled to as good service as any other city. The people are willing to pay for it and the commissioners will have ample backing if they take hold of the matter in a business-like manner.

## PAROLED BOY IS RETURNED AGAIN

Official of St. Charles Institution Accompanies Ernest Roderick Back to School.

Ernest Roderick, a small boy, well known to the police in this city, was returned to the home for delinquent children at St. Charles, Ill., this morning.

Young Roderick was committed to the St. Charles institution some time ago from this city. He was paroled recently but was again arrested Wednesday night at Exposition park, where the Miller carnival is now showing.

St. Charles authorities were notified and a parole officer was sent here, arriving last evening. He accompanied the lad back to St. Charles.

## ALEDO ATTORNEY IS OUT FOR STATE LEGISLATURE

Attorney William J. Graham of Aledo has announced himself as a candidate for the republican nomination for representative from the Thirty-third district. Mr. Graham has been mentioned a number of times in connection with the republican nomination for congress but will be content to accept a place in the state legislature if he can land it.

Alpha Patriarch Dies.  
Alpha, Ill., May 23.—W. M. Epper-son died Thursday at the home of his daughter Mrs. Evert Cox in Alpha at the age of 84 years. The funeral was held today at 2 p. m. Rev. H. Brink of Orion officiated.

# Rock Island Building Operations

## Building Permits During Past Week Total \$11,000

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Building permits calling for a total of expenditures of nearly \$11,000 were issued by Inspector J. H. Stapp during the last week. Four new dwellings are included in the list, and a new roof will be placed on the C. B. & Q. roundhouse. The list of permits follows:

Jule Withrow, 2816 Fifth-and-a-half avenue, for Emil Gotthardt; alterations. \$315.  
Andrew Peterson, 541 Forty-fifth street, for C. A. Johnson; porch. \$200.  
Brun & Brove, 1835 Thirty-second street; dwelling. \$2,000.  
Mrs. Nissen, 1206 Seventh avenue; dwelling. \$2,000.  
E. Johnson, Exposition park airdome. \$200.  
Will Dart, Seventh avenue and Twenty-second street, for John Volk & Co.; alterations. \$225.  
R. J. Naylor, 4506 Eighth avenue, for A. A. Rounds; alterations. \$255.  
Fred Grams, 1524 Thirty-second street, for George H. Bailey; porch. \$140.  
W. W. Colburn, for George H. Bailey; dwelling. \$2,356.  
C. B. & Q. Railway company, First avenue and Fourteenth street, for W. L. Ayers; roof on roundhouse. \$250.  
Martin McNealy, 2907 Eighth-and-a-half avenue; moving and alterations. \$400.  
E. F. Burch, 1515 Twenty-eighth street; dwelling. \$2,500.

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